

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 27-29 are pending. Claims 1-26 and 30-42 have been canceled without prejudice, and Applicants reserve their right to prosecute the subject matter of the canceled claims in subsequent applications.

Claims 27 and 28 have been amended to be independent and not dependent upon canceled claim 13. Support for these amendments is in the specification and in original claim 13.

Claims 27-29 were claims of non-elected Group II from the restriction requirement mailed on August 19, 2002 of the parent application no. 09/894,799.

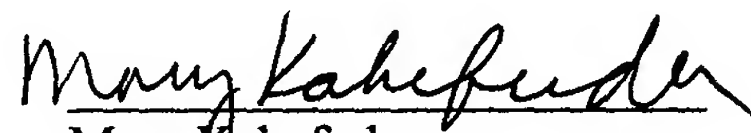
The specification has been amended to recite the prior applications and to correct informal errors in the specification.

The Title and Abstract have been amended to more particularly describe the presently claimed invention.

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